

No. 03-230

## RESOLUTION

EXTENDING AN INVITATION TO ESTABLISH A SISTER CITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CITY OF LUGANVILLE, VANUATU.

WHEREAS, Honolulu's sister city program has resulted in the promotion of friendship, cultural appreciation, and economic interaction with various cities in the world; and

WHEREAS, the continuation and expansion of relationships under the program are imperative in contemporary times because of the increase in global communications, travel, and economic opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the Council in Resolutions 91-240 and 03-52 has adopted policies concerning the establishment of sister city relationships; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Paul Hakwa, the Lord Mayor of Luganville, Vanuatu, has expressed an interest in entering into a sister city relationship with the City and County of Honolulu; and

WHEREAS, like Honolulu, one of the primary industries in Luganville is tourism; and

WHEREAS, similar to Honolulu, Luganville has a tropical climate with sandy beaches and some of the best swimming and diving sites found in the world; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that a sister city relationship with Luganville will be mutually beneficial, fostering opportunities for market exploration, cultural exchange, and educational interaction; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that such a relationship will be consistent with the policies of Resolutions 91-240 and 03-52; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Clerk is directed to extend the Council's invitation to the City of Luganville, Vanuatu, to establish a sister city relationship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon acceptance of this invitation by Luganville, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to prepare and enter into an agreement with the Lord Mayor of Luganville to formalize the sister city relationship; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the agreement is requested to be consistent with the implementation policies of Resolution 91-240; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Lord Mayor of Luganville and the Mayor of Honolulu.

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## CITY COUNCIL CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU HONOLULU, HAWAII CERTIFICATE

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I hereby certify that this RESOLUTION was adopted by the COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU on the date and by the vote indicated.

DENISE C. DE COSTA CITY CLERK

GARY H. OKINO CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER

INTRODUCTION DATE: INTRODUCED BY: REFERENCE: August 13, 2003 Chair Gary H. Okino/BR